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Stuart Corr, et al

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FOR EXTRACTING BIOMASS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Preliminary to the examination in the above captioned application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Amend the abstract to read as follows:

A<sub>1</sub> A closed loop apparatus (1) for extracting biomass includes an evaporator (42) and a condenser (43) directly connected to one another, without an intermediate compressor. An optional pump (14) moves liquid solvent between the evaporator (42) and condenser (43) and provides a hydrostatic head for the closed loop circuit.